

SENATE BILL 626

By Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to the operation and governance of public and private post secondary education in Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-207, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) There is hereby created, under the auspices of the Tennessee higher education commission, a committee on postsecondary educational institutions that shall have responsibility for oversight and regulation of institutions pursuant to the provisions of Part 20 of this chapter. The committee shall be composed of the executive director of the Tennessee higher education commission, who shall serve as chair, the executive director of the Tennessee student assistance corporation, and thirteen (13) persons appointed by the commission. Persons appointed by the commission shall be broadly representative of the geographical characteristics of Tennessee. Six (6) members of the committee shall be employed by, hold an ownership interest in, or otherwise be affiliated with, an institution or other entity subject to the committee's supervision and oversight. Five (5) members shall be representative of the public interest and shall have no association or relationship with such institutions. Two (2) members shall be representative of community-based organizations that have an interest in postsecondary occupational education. The commission may receive lists of nominees from the postsecondary institutions or from other sources to fill vacancies on the committee, which nominees shall be considered by the commission in making its appointments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.